

FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 99 – SB 620

May 8, 2007

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (008066): Deletes all language of the original bill. Authorizes local education agencies (LEAs) to enter into agreements with post-secondary educational institutions to establish cooperative programs targeting at-risk students and students who would benefit from accelerated academic instruction.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

Increase Local Govt. Expenditures – Exceeds \$100,000/Permissive

Other Fiscal Impact – Local education agencies (LEAs) and post-secondary institutions have discretion whether to enter into cooperative agreements. Any decision by a post-secondary school to enter into an agreement will be voluntary and will not be required based upon a request from an LEA. If an LEA and an institution enter into an agreement, the institution will incur potential costs for curriculum development and review, additional compensation for professors, supplies, and related items. The division of these costs between the LEAs and the institutions is subject to negotiation and agreement. The amount of any costs incurred by public post-secondary institutions is therefore permissive and depends on the number of cooperative agreements and their structure. The amount of such permissive costs cannot reasonably be quantified.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant

Increase Local Govt. Expenditures – Exceeds \$100,000/Permissive

Assumptions applied to amendment:

- Local education agencies (LEAs) and post-secondary institutions have discretion whether to enter into cooperative agreements.
- Any costs to postsecondary institutions for articulation, curriculum development and review of such courses are estimated to be not significant and can be handled within existing resources.

- The cost to LEAs that elect to enter into such cooperative agreements would be dependent upon the terms of the agreement, the LEA involved, the number of students electing to take such courses, the number of courses taught and the subject matter, additional equipment or textbooks required for such courses, any required additional training for teachers teaching such courses, and whether the employment of additional teachers would be required. Such cost to LEAs cannot be determined but can be reasonably estimated to exceed \$100,000 statewide.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" and last name "White" clearly distinguishable.

James W. White, Executive Director

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